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### **SACRAMENTO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING MORE THAN 600 STOLEN CREDIT CARD NUMBERS**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that AMIR NOSHIN, 21, of Gold River, California pleaded guilty to two counts of credit card fraud. As part of the guilty plea, the defendant admitted to unlawfully possessing approximately 632 credit card numbers that belonged to others.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the United States Secret Service, Citrus Heights Police Department, and the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Robin R. Taylor who is prosecuting the case, the defendant admitted in court that he used an electronic "skimming device" to steal credit cards and ATM account PIN numbers from customers while working as a cashier at the Union 76/Circle K stores in Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova, and Cameron Park, California. During the investigation, law enforcement recovered approximately 632 stolen credit card numbers on skimming devices used by the defendant on his personal computer. In court, defendant NOSHIN admitted that he sold the credit card numbers to a third party, and also that he and others used certain ATM/credit cards to make bank withdrawals at Bank of America and Wells Fargo bank branch offices.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on November 2, 2005. He faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for his offenses for each count.

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